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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim [[1]] 12, wherein said bioabsorbable material is a polymer made from an organic monomer.
3. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 2, wherein said coating is selected from a group consisting of glycosides; a L-lactide; a D-lactide; a meso-lactide; 1,4-dioxan-2-one, trimethylene carbonate; and e-caprolactone.
4. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim [[1]] 12, wherein said anchor has a barbed harpoon-like shape.
5. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 4, wherein said anchor has a single barb.

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6. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 5, wherein said surgical electrode is made from an electrically conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-section.

7. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 6, wherein said barb is made from a flattened section of said wire.

8. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 7, wherein said flattened section of said anchor includes a pair of substantially flat, planar surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section.

9. (Currently Amended) The improved ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 8, wherein said flattened section of said anchor has an asymmetrical shape.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The improved surgical electrode of Claim 9~~ In a surgical electrode having an anchor, the improvement wherein said anchor is coated with a bioabsorbable material, said anchor having a barbed harpoon-like shape with a single barb, said surgical electrode being made from an electrically conductive wire having a

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generally circular shape in transverse cross-section, said barb being made from a flattened section of said wire, said flattened section of said anchor having an asymmetrical shape and including a pair of substantially flat, planar surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section, wherein said wire has having a multi-strand construction.

11. (Original) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 10, wherein said anchor, including said barb, is constrained by said bioabsorbable coating.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The improved surgical electrode of Claim 1, wherein said surgical electrode is a temporary cardiac pacing wire~~ In a temporary cardiac pacing wire having an anchor, the improvement wherein said anchor is coated with a bioabsorbable material.

13 to 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The improved surgical electrode of Claim 17~~ In a surgical electrode having an anchor, the improvement wherein said anchor has a harpoon-like shape with a single barb, said surgical electrode being made from an electrically conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-section, said barb

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being made from a flattened section of said wire, said flattened section of said anchor having an asymmetrical shape and including a pair of substantially flat, planar surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section, said flattened section of said anchor, wherein said wire has having a multi-strand construction.

19. (Original) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 18, wherein said anchor, including said barb, is constrained by said bioabsorbable coating.

20. (Currently Amended) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 13 19, wherein said surgical electrode is a temporary cardiac pacing wire.

21 to 24. (Canceled)